



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

GEORGIA SHAPE MONTH

- WHEREAS: According to Georgia SHAPE data, approximately 40 percent of children in Georgia are at an unhealthy weight; and
- WHEREAS: The 2017 Georgia SHAPE data indicates that 38.7 percent of male children and 38.9 percent of female children are at an unhealthy weight, while 43.4 percent of male children and 54.7 percent of female children fall outside the Healthy Fitness Zone for Aerobic Capacity; and
- WHEREAS: In 2009, the Georgia General Assembly enacted the Student Health and Physical Education Act, legislation that requires all students to enroll in physical education courses and participate in fitness assessments. The results of these assessments are sent to parents or guardians; and
- WHEREAS: Georgia SHAPE is a statewide, multiagency, multidimensional initiative that brings together government, philanthropic organizations, members of the academic communities, and businesses to address childhood obesity; and
- WHEREAS: Georgia SHAPE collects valuable individual, school, and statewide data through a standardized fitness assessment to empower children, parents, schools, and local communities to make informed decisions about fitness and health; and
- WHEREAS: Georgiashape.org offers access to health and wellness grant opportunities, physical and nutrition resources and programs for all ages, and information regarding the FITNESSGRAM assessment, the Governor's SHAPE Honor Roll program, the Georgia SHAPE Award for Quality Rated early care and education programs, the Healthy Georgia Awards, and the Golden Radish Awards; and
- WHEREAS: Georgia SHAPE helps schools improve their academic performance by increasing levels of physical activity during the school day. Power Up for 30 is a Georgia SHAPE statewide collaborative effort designed to empower individual schools, afterschool providers, and pre-service teachers to increase time spent on physical activity both during and after school to improve health and academic outcomes; and
- WHEREAS: Georgia SHAPE is also working alongside partners to bring local, fresh Georgia Grown fruits and vegetables through Farm to School, Farm to Early Care, and Farm to Community based programming; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 2018 as GEORGIA SHAPE MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 9th day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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